# KENTUCKY BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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#### \*\*ANNOUNCEMENTS\*\*

Several forms have been updated and added to the website – check them out on the Board website under the "FORMS" tab.

## 2022 Board Meeting Dates

January 11

July 12

February 8

August 9

March 8

September 13

April 12

October 11

May 10

November 8

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December 13

All board meetings are held at 125 Holmes Street, Suite 310, Frankfort KY and are open to the public. Please join us when you can.

Board dates above are subject to change.

Have you moved, changed employers, or had a name change?

Let us know by making these changes using the Self-Service Portal on the Board website below.....

https://bsw.ky.gov

You may also email Board staff or call the office

# \*\*Overview of Compact Licensing\*\*

#### INTERSTATE SOCIAL WORK COMPACT LICENSING OVERVIEW

The interstate compact will facilitate mobility of regulated (licensed) social workers by authorizing the social worker who holds an interstate compact license in a member state (the "home state") to practice social work in all member states ("remote states")

State participation in the compact is by legislative action. Each state must pass the compact law. A social worker with an interstate compact license would only be authorized to practice in the states that have opted into the compact. (The general assembly passed the compact law for licensed professional counselors in 2022). KY already meets the state requirements to join the compact. They are.....

- 1. License and regulate social work in one or more of the following categories: bachelors, masters or clinical;
- Require licensees graduate from an accredited social work program corresponding to category of license sought (BSW or higher for Bachelors, MSW or higher for Master and Clinical);
- 3. Require licensees pass qualifying national exam corresponding to the category of license sought (ASWB exam or other competency assessment approved by the Commission);
- 4. Require clinical category regulated social workers complete a period of supervised clinical practice; and
- 5. States agree to:
  - a. Notify the commission of discipline actions taken against a licensee;
  - b. Comply with the rules of the Commission;
  - c. Implement and utilize a criminal history or *background check* of applicants for compact licensure; and
  - d. Participate in the Data System

When participating telehealth services, the social worker's scope of practice would be determined by the laws of the <u>state in which the client is located</u> when at the time of services. In other words, if a social worker is located in KY and providing telehealth to a client who is located in Indiana at the time of service, the social worker is practicing in Indiana and must abide by Indiana's licensing laws and regulations, including scope of practice.

Renewal requirements for the interstate compact license, such as continuing education, would be determined by the regulations of the social worker's home state. States can charge a fee issuing a compact "license". Requirements to apply...

- 1. Hold an active, unencumbered license in a compact member state;
- 2. Graduate from an accredited social work program corresponding to category of license sought (BSW or higher for Bachelors, MSW or higher for Masters and Clinical)
- 3. Pass a qualifying national exam corresponding to category of license sought (those licensed prior to exam requirement will be exempted);
- 4. Clinical social workers must have completed three thousand (3,000) hours of two (2) years of full-time, post-graduate supervised clinical practice.

Obtaining a social work license when moving from one member state to another member state would be simplified.

A remote member state can take "adverse action" against a licensed social worker with an interstate compact license and prohibit the social worker from practicing in that state, but only the social worker's homes state can revoke the license.

The compact will go into effect once seven (7) states have joined the compact by enacting it into law.

You can read more on the draft social work compact at: <a href="https://compacts.csg.org">https://compacts.csg.org</a>

You can submit feedback (NOTE: WE WANT YOU TO) to the Board at KBSWinfo@ky.gov

Do you want to recognize a fellow Social Worker or have an article you would like to submit for the newsletter? If so, email it to Vanessa at VanessaG.Jones@ky.gov

Note: once the article is submitted to the Board, it becomes the property of the Board and will not be returned.

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. Helen Keller

### \*\*Frequently Asked Questions\*\*

\*\*If I am a CSW in supervision do I have to take the CSW supervision training on the Board website?

YES, all CSWs in supervision must complete the 1 hour CSW supervision training.

\*\*So where do I find this CSW supervision training course?

It is located on the Board website and pinned to the top of the Board Facebook page

\*\*How much does this training cost?
The cost if FREE

\*\*Can I use this 1 hour training as part of my hours needed for my continuing education hours?

YES, you get 1 hour of CEU credit

# \*\*Reminders\*\*

- Our new Facebook page is called "The KY Board of Social Work" be sure to like and share it!
- If you have a pending complaint and have received your certified letter, make sure you to get your response submitted within 20 days!
- If you have any issues with the Board website, please contact the office immediately!



You can do so much online!! Check it out!! It's fast, easy and convenient.

#### \*\*Keys to Success\*\*

- When submitting any applications, be sure to include all needed documents and fill out the application completely;
- 2. Once you pass your ASWB exam, be sure to send in your score report and pay your license fee;
- 3. Mark your calendars with your renewal date and get your renewal submitted before they expire;
- 4. Make sure you have received notice that your supervision contract is approved BEFORE you begin supervision;
- 5. ALWAYS take care of yourself!

## LCSW Requirements

So you want to become a LCSW? There are a few things you need to know before heading down the road to LCSW.

First, you must have had a minimum of two years full time post-master's experience, consisting of at least 30 hours per week for full time, or three years of part time, consisting of at least 20 hours per week, in the use of specialty methods and measures to be employed in a clinical social work practice.

Second, you must be under an Approved Supervision Contract with a board approved LCSW Supervisor until you pass the exam and have acquired a minimum of 150 hours of supervision, which shall include individual supervision of not less than 2 hours every 2 weeks. And have had not more than 100 hours obtained through group supervision in groups of 6 or less. And have the necessary documentation to support those hours.

Third, once you have completed the above, you must complete an application and include the Supervised Experience Documentation Form(s). You may submit this online or by mail. If you mail it in, you need to include a check or money order for \$25, made payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer, for the application fee. The board will review your application and email you once it is approved.

If you have out of state supervision there are other items that must be submitted, please refer to the Supervised Experience Documentation Form for that information.

All forms are available on our website: https://bsw.ky.gov

Please remember to fill all paperwork out correctly and in its entirety or your approval will take longer.

You've already come this far--don't make a careless mistake that will cost you more time and money.

Remember, you must remain under supervision until the exam is passed and you are licensed as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Supervision does not end when you have acquired the hours.

Finally, once you have taken and passed your exam, be sure to send us your results......Good Luck! We will be waiting to hear from you.

